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FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT FROM SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE
OF AUGUST 6 IN AMMAN:
BEGIN TEXT. GENTLEMEN, THE SECRETARY OF STATE. ON THE RECORD
BRIEFING.

SECRETARY: WHO'S GOT THE FIRST QUESTION? BARRY?
BARRY SCHWEID, A.P.: I'LL BE HAPPY TO START, MR SECRETARY.
SECRETARY: OKAY, FINE.
BARRY SCHWEID, A.P.: YOU, A LONG TIME AGO, DEFINED THE FOUR
ISSUES. THE SHORT VERSION OF THE ISSUES ARE PALESTINIANS,
WITHDRAWAL AND DEFINITION OF PEACE. HAVING COMPLETED ALMOST
A WEEK NOW...., CAN YOU GIVE US ANY IDEA IF THE TWO SIDES ARE
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ANY CLOSER TOGETHER ON ANY OR ALL OF THOSE ISSUES?
SECRETARY: I THINK I CAN SEE SOME NARROWING OF DIFFERENCES
ON THE ISSUE OF THE NATURE OF PEACE....ON THE PALESTINIAN
QUESTION. AT THIS MOMENT, I DO NOT SEE ANY NARROWING OF
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARTIES. BUT I HAVE NOT YET, I WOULD
CAUTION, BEEN TO ISRAEL SO IT IS TOO EARLY TO GIVE ANY DEFINITE
ANSWER. ON THE BASIS OF WHAT WE HEARD IN WASHINGTON I WOULD

SAY THERE HAS BEEN NO NARROWING OF THE ISSUE.

SCHWEID: CAN YOU SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE THIRD....
TERRITORY?

SECRETARY: ON THE QUESTION OF TERRITORY THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS BY THE ISRAELIS THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON THE QUESTION OF BORDERS BUT AS TO HOW FAR THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO INTO SUCH NEGOTIATION, THEY HAVE SAID THAT IS A QUESTION FOR THE NEGOTIATION AND ONE WHICH THEY DO NOT WISH TO DISCUSS IN ADVANCE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE ARAB POSITION IS CLEAR ON THIS ISSUE AND THAT IS THAT IT SHOULD BE WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

JIM ANDERSON, UPI: MR. SECRETARY, AS IT STANDS NOW, WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN NEW YORK DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION? IS THERE GOING TO BE SOME KIND OF CONSULTATION, OR A CONTINUATION OF THESE TALKS YOU'VE BEEN HAVING?

SECRETARY: I WOULD HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THERE WOULD BE A CONTINUATION OF THE TALKS WHICH I HAVE BEEN HAVING WITH THE INDIVIDUAL PARTIES IN NEW YORK DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. FROM THE CONVERSATIONS I HAVE HAD TO DATE, I BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE SUCH BILATERAL TALKS THAT I CAN HAVE WITH EACH OF THE PARTIES DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION.

ANDERSON: BUT, NOTHING THAT YOU WOULD HAVE DESCRIBED THE OTHER NIGHT AS A WORKING GROUP?

SECRETARY: I DON'T SEE ANYTHING AS FORMAL AS A WORKING GROUP. ALTHOUGH I HAVEN'T AGAIN COMPLETED ALL OF MY VISITS, IT IS CLEAR FROM WHAT PRESIDENT ASAD SAID THAT HE DOES NOT SUPPORT SOMETHING UNCLASSIFIED

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AS FORMAL AS A WORKING GROUP. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE HAS INDICATED THAT HE SUPPORTS WHOLEHEARTEDLY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN HIS FOREIGN MINISTER AND ME WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUES WHICH MAY REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED, AND THE PREPARATIONS FOR A GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND INDEED HAS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THOSE INTENSIFIED.

RAMI KHOURY, JORDAN TIMES: IN VIEW OF THE

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EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT AMERICAN ROLE IN NEGOTIATING AND
MEDIATING THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION
WHICH YOU YOURSELF STATED MANY TIMES THAT THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE
IS ONE OF THE CORE OF THE FACTORS, ISN'T IT SOMETHING OF
A CONTRADICTION FOR THE UNITED STATES NOT TO TALK TO THE PLO UNTL
THEY RECOGNIZE THE ISRAELIS, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT YOU ARE
TRYING TO GET GENEVA WITHOUT ANY PRE-CONDITIONS. NOW ISN'T
THIS A PRE-CONDITION?

SECRETARY: INSOFAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED I THINK
OUR POSITION IS WELL KNOWN AND CLEAR ON THIS. AT THE TIME OF
SINAI II THE UNITED STATES STATED THAT IT WOULD NOT HAVE DISCUSSIONS
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WITH THE PLO AS LONG AS IT REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF
ISRAEL TO EXIST. THAT COMMITMENT EXISTS, AND UNTIL THAT IMPEDIMENT
IS REMOVED, WE WILL BE BOUND BY THAT COMMITMENT.

ROY GUTMAN, REUTERS: WILL YOU PLEASE ELABORATE ON YOUR POINT
THAT YOU THINK YOU HAVE NARROWED THE DIFFERENCES ON THE NATURE
OF THE PEACE QUESTION? AND ALSO DID YOU MAKE ANY PROGRESS ON THE
PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA?

SECRETARY: WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST QUESTION WILL I BE MORE
PRECISE ON THE NARROWING OF THE DIFFERENCES? I DON'T WANT TO BE
ANY MORE PRECISE AT THIS POINT ON THAT. THERE HAVE, IN MY
JUDGMENT, BEEN SOME NARROWING OF DIFFERENCES. BUT THAT WOULD GET
ME INTO WHAT THE VIEWS OF VARIOUS PARTIES ARE WITH RESPECT TO
THIS ISSUE. I HAVE SAID BEFORE THAT I AM NOT GOING TO DISCLOSE
THE POSITIONS OF THE VARIOUS PARTIES ON THIS ISSUE OR ANY OTHER

ISSUE WHILE I AM IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY.

YOUR SECOND QUESTION WAS WHAT, ROY?

GUTMAN: IT WAS ON THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION AT GENEVA - WHO WOULD BE SEATED? HAVE YOU MADE ANY PROGRESS ON THAT?

SECRETARY: I WOULD SAY AMONG THE PARTIES THAT I HAVE TALKED TO, I FIND SOME PROGRESS ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL DIFFERENCES AMONG THOSE PARTIES. I STILL HAVE TWO OTHER STOPS TO MAKE, AND AGAIN IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO TRY AND DRAW ANY CONCLUSION. THE DIFFERENCES OR THE NARROWING IS SMALL AT THIS POINT, BUT THERE HAS BEEN SOME DEGREE OF AGREEMENT ON HOW THIS MIGHT BE ATTACKED.

ROBERT KEATLEY, WALL STREET JOURNAL: YOU'RE ON THIS TRIP IN PART BECAUSE IT'S NECESSARY FOR YOU TO TALK TO CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO GET THE VIEW OF WHAT POLICIES ARE AND WHAT FLEXIBILITY MIGHT EXIST. HOW CAN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETINGS IN NEW YORK IN ANY WAY CLOSE THE GAPS THAT MIGHT EXIST?

SECRETARY: I THINK AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET DOWN TO CONCRETE EXPLORATION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, THE NATURE OF THOSE ISSUES AND THE POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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RESOLUTION OF THOSE ISSUES. I THINK IT IS NOW CLEAR IN EACH OF THE STATES THAT I HAVE VISITED, WHAT IT IS WE FEEL WOULD BE HELPFUL IN FURTHER DEALING WITH THOSE ISSUES. THEREFORE, I THINK IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS OR TO COMMUNICATE WITH US BETWEEN NOW AND THAT TIME IN A FASHION WHICH WILL GIVE US A CLEARER AND MORE PRECISE UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSITION OF EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES ON THOSE VARIOUS ISSUES.

LET ME EMPHASIZE THAT DURING THE TALKS WHICH I HAVE HAD, MOST OF THE TIME HAS BEEN SPENT ON SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS, NOT ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS. AND, I EXPECT THAT TO BE THE FACT DURING THE BALANCE OF MY TRIP.

BERNARD KALB, CBS-TV: MR. SECRETARY, YOU TALK ABOUT THE COMMITMENT MADE DURING SINAI II ABOUT THE UNITED STATES NOT DEALING WITH THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION BECAUSE OF SUCH AND SUCH. YOU REFER TO IT AS SOMETHING THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION INHERITED FROM THE FORD ADMINISTRATION...OR WAS IT NIXON'S, I'M NOT SURE ON THIS POINT. MY QUESTION IS, SIR, DO YOU FEEL THAT COMMITMENT IS CORRECT OR DO YOU FEEL THAT THIS IS A COMMITMENT YOU'VE INHERITED?

SECRETARY: IT IS A COMMITMENT. OUR COUNTRY MADE IT, AND WE WILL ADHERE TO IT.

MUNIB TOUQAN, JORDAN TELEVISION: SIR, WHAT IS YOUR APPRIASAL OF YOUR TALKS WITH HIS MAJESTY IN AMMAN?

SECRETARY: THE TALKS WERE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE. I FOUND HIS MAJESTY, AS ALWAYS, VERY WISE AND THOUGHTFUL. HE HAD VERY CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE TO US AS TO HOW WE MIGHT GRAPPLE WITH SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE RESPECTING A PALESTINIAN ENTITY. OF COURSE, WE COVERED IN DETAIL THE OTHER

CORE ISSUES AS WELL. I REALLY WAS HEARTENED BY THE
DISCUSSIONS WHICH I HAD TODAY AND YESTERDAY WITH HIS MAJESTY.
HENRY TREWHITT, BALTIMORE SUN: MR. SECRETARY,

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DO YOU FEEL NOW THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO RENEW
GENEVA WITH FORMAL USA PARTICIPATION NOW OR IN
OCTOBER OR EVEN BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, WHICH
WAS THE ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE OF THE ADMINISTRATION?
SECRETARY: LET ME JUST SAY, ON THE OCTOBER
DATE, I THINK THE OCTOBER DATE CAME ABOUT BECAUSE
ONE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT SUGGESTED OCTOBER, AND
ANOTHER ONE SAID THAT WOULD BE FINE. OCTOBER WAS
NEVER ACCEPTED BY ALL THE PARTIES AS A DATE ON WHICH
TO BEGIN IT. WE HAVE SAID ALL ALONG THAT WE
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONVENE A GENEVA
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CONFERENCE IN THE FALL OF 1977. I STILL WOULD BELIEVE AND HOPE THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO CONVENE A GENEVA CONFERENCE IN THE FALL. BUT THERE IS A LOT TO BE DONE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN. AND WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS TO INTENSIFY OUR EFFORT FOR DISCUSSION AMONG THE PARTIES BY OUR TALKING TO EACH OF THEM. WE MUST INTENSIFY THAT PROCESS SO THAT WE CAN BUILD A MORE COMPLETE BASE FOR GOING TO GENEVA. IF WE WENT TO GENEVA WITH TOO SHALLOW A BASE, THERE IS ALWAYS THE DANGER THAT YOU MIGHT RUN INTO AN IMMEDIATE STALEMATE. IF WE CAN PREVENT THIS BY TAKING A LITTLE MORE TIME, THEN WE SHOULD DO IT, AND THAT IS A COURSE I THINK WE SHOULD FOLLOW.

LINA GREIS, JORDAN TIMES: IT HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM PARIS THAT YOU CAME WITH A NEW AMERICAN PROPOSAL. HOW TRUE IS THAT? IS IT TRUE IN FULL OR IN PART? WHAT ARE YOUR COMMENTS ON THAT?

SECRETARY: I MADE A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS IN MY DISCUSSIONS AT THE PALACE ON A LARGE NUMBER OF ISSUES. MOSTLY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. THOSE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH I RAISED WITH EACH OF THE OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WHOM I HAVE VISITED. SO THE ANSWER IS, YES, I DID COME WITH SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS WHICH WERE DISCUSSED WITH HIS MAJESTY.

BERNARD GWERTZMAN, NEW YORK TIMES: MR. SECRETARY, FROM WHAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE LEADERS OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES, THERE IS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, AT LEAST UP TO NOW, SEEMS TO WANT TO GO TO GENEVA AND NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT THERE. WHEREAS FROM WHAT WE'VE HEARD ON THIS TRIP, IT SEEMS THAT, AT LEAST IN SYRIA AND IN JORDAN, THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WANT AN AGREEMENT TO BE VIRTUALLY WORKED OUT AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE BEFORE GOING TO GENEVA.

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THE QUESTION IS, AT ONE TIME THE UNITED STATES I THINK SHARED THAT VIEW OF HAVING A PRE-AGREEMENT IN A SENSE BEFORE GENEVA--WHERE DO YOU STAND NOW AND IS THIS A CORRECT INTERPRETATION OF THE VARIOUS POSITIONS?

SECRETARY: I THINK IT IS CORRECT THAT ISRAEL WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NEGOTIATIONS, EXCEPT ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS, BE RESOLVED AT GENEVA. WITH RESPECT TO THE ARAB STATES WHICH I HAVE VISITED, MOST OF THEM WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS MUCH OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS BE RESOLVED AS IS POSSIBLE.

I MY SELF BELIEVE THAT THE MORE THAT CAN BE RESOLVED
THE BETTER OFF WE WILL BE, AND THE LESS LIKELIHOOD
THAT WE WILL RUN INTO SNAGS AND OBSTACLES WHICH
WILL DELAY PROGRESS WHEN ONE GETS TO GENEVA.

RAMI KHOURY, JORDAN TIMES: MR. SECRETARY,
THE STATUS OF THE WEST BANK SEEMS TO BE A LITTLE
BIT CONFUSED. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK A TWO-PART
QUESTION. WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL UNITED STATES VIEW
ON THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WEST BANK? TWO,
WHEN YOU VISIT ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
IN A COUPLE OF DAYS TIME, WILL YOU TALK TO SOME
OF THE MAYORS OF THE WEST BANK WHO HAVE EXPRESSED
AN INTEREST IN MEETING YOU?

SECRETARY: OUR POSITION ON THE WEST BANK
HAS BEEN STATED MANY, MANY TIMES AND IT REMAINS
AS IT WAS. ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER I WILL
MEET WITH ANY OF THE MAYORS ON THE WEST BANK....I
AM TOLD THAT THE MAYORS DO NOT WISH TO MEET WITH
ME, BUT WISH TO SEND ME A MEMORANDUM EXPRESSING
THEIR VIEWS. I WILL, F COURSE, BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE THAT.

BARRY SCHWEID, A.P.: WHEN YOU SAY AS YOU DID
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IN THE QUESTION BEFORE THAT, YOU THINK THE MORE
THAT CAN BE RESOLVED IN ADVANCE THE BETTER OFF, AND
YOU SAY THE ARABS CERTAINLY WANT THIS, AREN'T YOU
UNDERCUTTING, AND I USE THE WORD ADVISEDLY, AREN'T
YOU UNDERCUTTING ISRAEL'S INTEREST IN DIRECT
NEGOTIATIONS. BECAUSE WITH ALL, THE THINGS DECIDED
BEFOREHAND THROUGH YOU, ISRAE ISN'T DECIDING THESE
THINGS DIRECTLY WITH THE ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES
AS THEY WISH TO.

SECRETARY: NO, I THINK THAT THE ISRALIS, AND
THEY SHALL HAVE TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES ON THIS,
WOULD ALSO WELCOME OUR DOING WHAT WE CAN TO NARROW
THE ISSUES AND THAT IF WE CAN IN THIS PROCESS NARROW
THE ISSUES, THAT THEY CERTAINLY WOULD ACCEPT THAT.
THERE ARE MANY OF THE ISES WHICH WE ULTIMATELY
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO NARROW, BUT MUST BE NEGOTIATED
BY THE PARTIES THEMSELVES. THAT'S BEEN CLEAR SINCE
THE OUTSET AND REMAINS SO.

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LARS-ERIK NELSON, NEWSWEEK: YOU SPOKE EARLIER
OF THE KING HELPING YOU WITH YOUR IDEAS ON FORMATION
OF A PALESTINIAN ENTITY AS WELL AS FOUR OTHER ISSUES.
WHZT WERE THE OTHER FOUR ISSUES?

SECRETARY: THE OTHER ISSUES WERE THE QUESTION OF BORDERS AND
WITHDRAWALS AND THE QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN
REPRSENTATION. AND INDEED ALSO HIS SUGESTIONS IN
CONNECTIONW WITH THE NTURE OF PEACE WERE HELPFUL AS
WELL.

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CHRIS OGDEN, TIME: MR. SECRETARY: AFTER WE
LEFT ALEXANDRIA, MR. ARAFAT CAME AROUND TO TALK TO
PRESIDENT SADAT AND A PARAGRAPH WAS ADDED TO PRESIDENT
SADAT'S PROPOSAL, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, REFERRING

TO RIGHT OF RETURN OR COMPENSATION OR REPATRIATION.
TO WHAT EXTENT DOES THAT CHANGE PRESIDENT SADAT'S
PROPOSALS AS FAR AS YOU'RE CONCERNED? DOES IT KEEP
HIS PROPOSAL ALIVE ANYMORE AT ALL OR FOR ALL INTENTS
AND PURPOSES IS THE WORKING GROUP DEAD? WHAT IS
BASICALLY YOUR REACTION TO THE ADDITION OF THAT
PROPOSAL, THAT PARAGRAPH?

SECRETARY: INsofar as the question "is the
WORKING GROUP DEAD?"; again, this is a question
that the ARABS are going to have to take up among
THEMSELVES; I AM GOING TO HAVE TO RAISE IT WITH
THE ISRAELIS WHEN I GO TO ISRAEL. BUT I DO THINK,
AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS AGAIN, THAT ALL OF
THEM ARE SAYING, WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE A WORKING
GROUP, THEY ALL AGREE THAT WE HAVE TO INTENSIFY THE
DISCUSSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A GENEV CONFERENCE,
DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL TRY TO COME TO GRIPS WITH
THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AS WELL AS THE PROCEDURAL
ISSUES AND THAT THEY ARE ALL WILLING TO COOPERATE IN
THAT KIND OF PREPARATION. I THINK THE PROBLEM ARISES
IN WHETHER OR NOT THE WORKING GROUP CREATES TOO
FORMAL A STRUCTURE.

OGDEN: BUT DOES THE PARAGRAPH OF ADDITIONS,
SIR, CHANGE ANYTHING AS FAR AS YOU ARE CONCERNED?

SECRETARY: I HAVE NOT READ THE EXACT LANGUAGE
OF THE PARAGRAPH AND SO I DON'T WANT TO COMMENT.
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DON OBERDORFER, WASHINGTON POST: COULD I ASK
TWO QUESTIONS? ONE IS VERY, VERY SIMPLE. WHAT
DO YOU MEAN "BY THE FALL", WHEN YOU SAY YOU HOPE
THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL BE CONVENED.

SECRETARY: SOMETIME BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

OBERDORFER: SECONDLY, IF IT PROVES AS A
RESULT OF YOUR TALKS HERE IN THE FALL THAT THERE
IS STILL A WIDE GAP BETWEEN THE PARTIES ON
THE PROCEDURE OF GETTING TO GENEVA, OR ON SOME
OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS THAT OUGHT REALLY TO
BE NARROWED BEFORE GENEVA STARTS. WOULD THE
UNITED STATES CONSIDER STATING ITS VIEW OF WHAT A
FAIR SETTLEMENT WOULD BE, EITHER TO THE PARTIES IN
PRIVATE, OR STATING IT PUBLICALLY, IF YOU FELT THAT
THIS COULD MOVE THINGS ALONG.

SECRETARY: I THINK THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE WILLIG TO SUGGEST ITS VIEWS, AS WE ARE DOING NOW, AS TO WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE FAIR SUGESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE VARIOUS ISSUES. WE ARE DOING IT RIGHT NOW, AND WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE THAT IN THE FUTURE.

RICHARD VALERIANI, NBC-TV: ONE, ARE YOU GOING TO COME BACK TO REVISIT ALL OF THE ARAB CAPITALS AFTER YOU LEAVE ISRAEL? ANOTHER QUESTION, TOTALLY UNRELATED...

SECRETARY: I THOUGHT YOU ALREADY KNEW THE ANSWER TO THAT. I'VE READ IN THE PAPER THAT YOU ALL SAID I WAS GOING TO DO THAT.

VALERIANI: I HAVEN'T HEARD YOU SAY IT THOUGH.
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SECRETARY: YES. I WILL BE GOING BACK ON MY LAST DAY TO AMMAN, TO DAMASCUS AND ALEXANDRIA ON MY WAY TO LONDON.

VALERIANI: THE OTHER QUESTION, SIR, IS FRANCE TRYING TO GET A NEW VERSION OF RESOLUTION 242 IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL?

SECRETARY: I HAVEN'T HEARD IT, IF THEY ARE.

HENRY TREWHITT, BALTIMORE SUN: MR. SECRETARY, REFERRING TO THE SUBSTANCE OF MR. OGDEN'S QUESTION, DOES THE QUESTION OF COMPENSATION AND REPATRIATION ENTER INTO THE PLAY OF NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS STAGE?

SECRETARY: THAT IS AN ISSUE WHICH HAS BEEN RAISED IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

TREWHITT: CAN WE REGARD THAT OLD GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION HAVING VALIDITY IN THIS CONTEXT?

SECRETARY: THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED IN EVEN A BROADER CONTEXT THAN THAT.

TREWHITT: DOES THE OLD RESOLUTION HOLD SOME WEIGHT?

SECRETARY: IT HOLDS SOME WEIGHT.

ROBERT L. KEATLEY, WALL STREET JOURNAL:
DOES THE U.S. SUPPORT THE IDEA OF RETURN OR
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COMPENSATION AND IF SO, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS ON
WHERE THE COMPENSATION MIGHT COME FROM?

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SECRETARY: THAT IS A QUESTION THAT WE HAVE
LOOKED INTO OVER A NUMBER OF TIMES DURING THE YEARS.
AS YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN INVESTIGATED SEVERAL TIMES.
THERE ARE POSITIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN
WITH RESPECT TO THAT ISSUE IN THE PAST. IT IS AN
ISSUE, I THINK, THAT WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE DEALT

WITH INCONNECTION WITH ANY SETTLEMENT. I DON'T
WISH TO GO FURTHER THAN THAT AT THIS POINT.

MUNIB TOUQAN, JORDAN TELEVISION: I WOULD LIKE
TO KNOW IF A PERSON IN YOUR POSITION SINCERELY
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BELIEVES IN THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF PRIME MINISTER
DEGIN?

SECRETARY: YES, I ACCEPT THE GOOD INTENTIONS
OF ALL OF THE CHEFS OF STATE.

RAMI KHOURY, JORDAN TIMES: ONE OF THE ELEMENTS
OF RESOLUTION 242 AND 338 WHICH IS THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL
AMONG THE ARABS IN THE CONFRONTATION STATES ESPECIALLY
IS THE FACT THAT IT REFERS TO THE PALESTINIANS AS
A REFUGEE PROBLEM. SUPPOSE THE SITUATION WERE TO
ARISE THAT THE ENTRY OF THE PLO, OR ANY OTHER
PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION, INTO THE NEGOTIATING
PROCESS AT GENEVA OULD HAVE TO INCLUDE CHANGING
THAT WORDING, AND PUTTING IN ITS PLACE WORDING
THAT WOULD TREAT THE PALESTINIANS AS A NATIONAL
ISSUE. WHAT WOULD THE UNITES STATES' POSIITION
BE ON THAT?

SECRETARY: WE HAVE ALWAYS INDICATED THAT
WE THINK THAT THE PROBLEM IS A BROADER PROBLEM
THAN A REFUGEE PROBLEM.

LINA GREIS, JORDAN TIMES: IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED
THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL OFFER THE KIBBUTZEM, AND THE
ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS AS
COMPENSATION FOR THE PALESTINIANS RFUGEES IN
CASE THERE IS ANY WITHDRAWAL ON THE WEST BANK,
AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT AND AS PART OF THE
COMPENSATION. WHAT ARE YOUR COMMETS ON THAT?

SECRETARY: FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER
THAT IS, IN FACT, THEIR POSITION AND A POSITION
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WHICH THEY WILL PUT FORWARD. THEY HAVE NOT YET
EXPRESSED THEIR POSITION TO US WITH RESPECT TO
WHAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT PREPARED TO DO, WITH
RESPECT TO THE WEST BANK. AND I DON'T WANT

TO JUMP TO CONCLUDSIONS IN TAKING PIECES THAT
ARE REPORTED TO BE FACT. I WANT TO WAIT AND
GET FIRST HADND FROM MR. BEGIN WHAT HE IS PREPARED
TO SAY WITH RESPECT TO THIS ISSUE.

SCHWEID: THANK YOU MR. SECRETARY.

SECRETARY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. END TEXT.
VANCE.

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